

**BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS
TELECONFERENCES MINUTES**

DATE: February 26, 2015

TIME: 12:30 PM CST

LOCATION: Poplar Conference Room
665 Mainstream Drive, 1st Floor
Nashville, TN 37243

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Alexander, D.C., President
Craig Ratcliff, D.C. Vice President
Richard Cole, D.C., Board Member
Andrea Selby, D.C., Board Member
Cole Hosenfeld, D.C., Board Member

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Sobowale, Unit Director
Lakita Taylor, Unit Manager
Zandra Blackshear, Board Administrator
Mark Cole, Assistant General Counsel

Call to Order

With a quorum present, Dr. Alexander called the meeting to order at 12:41 PM. Mr. Sobowale discussed the rules and guidelines on conducting a Teleconference.

Dr. Cole motioned, seconded by Dr. Hosenfeld, for the Board to fulfill the requirements of conducting an electronic Board meeting.

Dr. Cole motioned, seconded by Dr. Ratcliff, to conduct the meeting electronically because it required timely action and was necessary because some or none of the board members could be physically present. The motion carried.

Consent Order – Matthew Sloane Barnes D.C. License No. 1363

Mark Cole, Assistant General Counsel, presented the consent order of Matthew Sloane Barnes, DC, stating that Dr. Barnes voluntarily surrendered his license and is being presented before the Board.

The Findings of Fact are as follows:

- 1) In December 2013, Dr. Barnes began a relationship with a fourteen year old minor girl, who was not a patient, but a neighbor. The relationship continued for about five to six months until the minor girl parents found out and reported it to the police.
- 2) On February 9, 2015, Dr. Barnes pled guilty to aggravated statutory rape, which is a class D felony, and sentenced to four years of supervised probation. Dr. Barnes will be placed on the sex offenders list and placed on judicial diversion, with no contact to the victim. After four years, with no additional charges or violations, and fulfillment of the conditions of probation and diversion, the guilty plea and conviction will be expunged from Dr. Barnes' record, and he will be removed from the sex offenders list. Dr. Barnes must come before the board to be considered for licensure.

Dr. Cole made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hosenfeld, to accept the Consent Order as presented by Mark Cole, Assistant General Counsel. Dr. Alexander delegated to Mr. Sobowale the authority to sign the consent order on his behalf for this matter only. The motion carried.

Adjournment

With no further business being presented, the meeting adjourned at 12:58 pm.

These minutes were ratified by the Board at the April 16, 2015 meeting.